

May 25th, 2005
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting

The meeting began at 8:15 a.m. Bob Warren opened the meeting with introductions.

NEW BUSINESS FROM MDT

- 1. Doing Business As (DBA).** MDT handed out a copy of the new Transportation Commission Policy regarding Requirements for Contractors “doing business as”.
- 2. QPL.** The QPL web site will start up in June for information only. Items will be added as the proper certification is submitted.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Specification 701.02.7 Crushed Top Surfacing Type “B”.** MCA voiced concerns that this change will exclude some existing pits. MDT stated that this change is for surfacing that will not be paved in the near future (Secondary roads, Off-System bridges, etc.) and the durability is necessary in these situations. Exceptions can be made in areas without acceptable material within a reasonable distance. MCA is reminded to use the Q & A forum to address this issue for those areas.
- 2. Forms 406 & 407** There was agreement that the forms work well for major and structural items, but there is a problem with small items (nuts, bolts, etc.). There is an exception to 106.09 Domestic Materials that allows a minimal quantity of foreign (or uncertified) material to be used. The amount is 1/10 of 1% of the contract amount or \$2500.00 whichever is greater. Request these exceptions by letter to the EPM’s.
- 3. Bid Express** MDT will hold training Wednesday the 26th and Thursday the 27th. There will be no activity in June and MDT plans to be in production in July. MDT stated that once in production, if both paper and electronic bids are used the electronic bid will control.
- 4. Letting Schedule.** The House and Senate both passed a Highway Bill and they will iron out the differences in committee. A staff person for Senator Baucus will be calling during the Highway meeting with information.
- 5. Design Build.** The selection committee will look at the proposals for Depuyer Friday.
- 6. Traffic Control (Units vs Lump Sum).** There was agreement that the latest criteria for use of Lump Sum was acceptable.
- 7. Erosion Control.** The intent of the size and measurement of fiber rolls has been relayed to the field. MDT will look into the wording.
- 8. Utility Task Force.** Meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 26th and the majority of the necessary parties are expected to be present.
- 9. Subcontractors 101.69 108.01.** MCA would like to see the 40% based on subcontract amounts rather than on the bid price. MDT believes that FHWA requirements are being followed in calculating the 40%. MDT and MCA agree that we do not want to go to 30%. Clarification of FHWA requirements was distributed. MCA would like to know how MDT calculates the percentage. MDT uses the subcontracts and assigns a percentage of the bid item when it can be determined. *See attached document for explanation.*

10. Protection of Property 107.10. Everyone agrees that this is a very difficult issue that needs more work. Proposed legislation was killed, with a promise that MACO, MDT and the Construction industry would work together to find a solution. MCA suggests working with MACO and the Transportation Commission. FHWA distributed a document outlining their position for participation in the costs for haul road repairs.

11. Payment of Estimates. MDT agrees that Contractors need to be paid in a timely manner for work that is performed and accepted and will continue to work on this item. MDT would like to go to bi-monthly payments (every 2-weeks) but this will not happen until SiteManager is implemented. If there is a problem with particular EPM's being late with payments, the Contractor should discuss it with the District Construction Engineer.

12. Dates for Chip Seal. MCA would prefer that dates be dropped and temperature be the deciding factor, particularly with the warranty. MDT stated that the warranty is limited in duration and our experience with work after September 1st has been that the results are less than desirable, even with warmer weather. MDT does not want to be too restrictive but at the same time must receive a quality product. MCA would like to submit a chipping schedule with contract time starting when chipping starts. MDT is more receptive to changes in the spring and there may need to be a specification change to address this contractually. MDT is concerned that any contract time changes will be allowed only if chip seal is the only item remaining. Discussion will continue on this item.

13. Delineator Layout and Staking. MDT will be revising specification 619.03.8 Delineators. The topic will be brought up at the next District Construction Engineers meeting (June 8th) for a decision as to who should be responsible. MCA stated it doesn't matter who does the layout, but the Contractors need to know to plan their schedule and bid.

NEW BUSINESS FROM MCA

1. Cattle Guards. MCA would like to see two bid items for cattle guards, a medium duty and a heavy duty (it's not always easy to determine from the plans which is required). MDT will address this concern.

2. Bid Bond Forms. MCA is curious why Maintenance overlay projects require a different bid bond form than Construction projects. Maintenance projects are state funded so the form can be simpler. Federal Aid projects must adhere to the Federal requirements.

The next meeting will be **June 22nd, 2005**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the **MCA Office**.

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